The Bay County 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on **Thursday**, **August 12**, **2010**, **beginning at 6:00 p.m**. The auction is held in conjunction with the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition and will take place at the Bay County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn.

Each year, Bay County 4-H Members participate in this annual event, which is the culmination of their livestock project. During the past year they have learned many things about the animals in their care, and the auction is the time when all the hours of learning about and caring for the animals will be rewarded.

The success of the auction is entirely dependent upon bidders like you. We are hopeful that you will consider bidding at this year's auction.

Over the years, people have raised questions regarding to the auction. Those questions and answers are as follows:

Q: What do I do with the animal?

A: You do not have to assume any responsibility for the animal. Instead, you can choose from the following options: have the animal delivered live to your home, have small animals or poultry processed and delivered to your home, have large animals delivered to the processor, have the animal resold at the current market price, or return the animal to the 4-H member who raised it.

Q: Why should I buy a champion?

A: While all buyers receive public recognition, a picture, and a ribbon for display, the buyers of Grand or Reserve Champion animals receive opportunities for advertising and publicity.

Q: Do I have to be present at the auction?

A: There are volunteers from the community who will act on your behalf if you are unable to attend. Just contact any of the 4-H members, leaders, or MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 for assistance.

Q: Can I share my purchase?

A: Yes, any animal may be bought in the name of two or more individuals or businesses.

Q: Where does my money go?

A: Volunteers from Chemical Bank serve as cashiers for this event. All of the money paid for an animal goes directly to the 4-H member. Over the years, members have used funds from the Livestock Auction to help pay college fees, to reinvest in their next livestock project, or to save for the future.

All buyers are invited to a reception, which is held during the sale, to meet and talk with 4-H members, and to enjoy a variety of delicious refreshments.

We hope you will consider attending the auction and bidding on behalf of the 4-H member who has invited you, and we thank you for supporting and investing in the youth of our community.

The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association and 4-H Livestock Project Member

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